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SUBJ: GOVT AND ACTU REACH COMPROMISE AGREEMENT ON PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS BUREAU (IRB)

- 1. FRASER GOVT AND LARGE MAJORITY OF 201 DELEGATES TO SPECIAL CONPRENCE OF ACTU AFFILIATES MAY 18, IN SYDNEY (CANBERRA'S 3235) HAVE ENDORSED ACTU (HAWKE)-PROPOSED IRB COMPROMISE PLAN WHICH INVLOVES REPLACING PRESENT ARBITRATION INSPECTORATE WITH IRB (WHILE VESTING NEW ORGANIZATION WITH NO ADDITIONAL POWERS) AND RECONSTITUTING NATIONAL LABOR ADVISORY COUNCIL (FOR PURPOSE INTER ALIA OF FACILITATING HIGH-LEVEL TRIPARTITE CONSIDERATION OF OTHER PENDING INDUSTIRAL LEGISLATION).
- 2. AGREEMENT HAS ENABLED BOTH SIDES TO CLAIM "VICTORY; HOWEVER, EXTENT TO WHICH THEY HAVE SAME UNDERSTANDING OF PLAN THEY HAVE ENDORSED REMAINS VERY MUCH TO BE SEEN WITH FRASER GOVT NOW COMMITTED (AS FAR AS ACTU IS CONCERNED) TO CUTTING IRB IN ORDER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO SAVE IT AND WITH LEFT-WING ACTU AFFILIATES (WHICH VOTED AGAINST COMPROMISE PLAN AY SYDNEY CONFERENCE) STILL VERY MUCH OPPOSED TO GOING ALONG WITH IRB EVEN IN EMASCULATED FORM.

3. COMMENT: REGARDLESS OF UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS WE BELIEVE ACTU PRESIDENT HAWKE BEST CHARACTERIZED GOVT AND ACTU ACCEPTANCE OF COMPROMISE PLAN IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AT MAY 18

PRESS CONFERENCE WHEN HE SAID HE REGARDED WHAT HAD HAPPENED AS
"VICTORY"FOR COMMON SENSE.
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